

## REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevens in view of Telepko. The claims recite a timer that counts a time interval before activation of a motor, and an indicator that provides an indication of the time count. Telepko does not disclose this limitation. The Examiner cites col. 21, lines 31-38 of Telepko as disclosing the capability of a countdown display. The timeouts and displays cited in this section of Telepko relate to a mode after the motor has been started. This paragraph in Telepko begins with "Once the motor has been started". Telepko does not disclose a timer that is coupled to a motor and counts the time interval before an activation of the motor, and an indicator that is coupled to the timer and provides an indication of the time count. The combination of Stevens and Telepko do not disclose every limitation recited in the claims. Therefore these references do not render obvious claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-19 of the above entitled application.

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 11 and 20-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rudell in view of Telepko. The Examiner states that it would be obvious and well-known to start a jump rope session by saying 1-2-3 go, or 1-2-3-start. The Examiner does not provide any support for the reasons why this is obvious. Telepko does not disclose such a concept. Additionally, none of the other references disclose or suggest an automated jump rope with a safety feature that provides an indication of when the motor will start. The Applicant submits that the prior art lacks any disclosure or suggestion to provide a jump rope apparatus with a housing, a motor attached to the housing, a hub that is coupled to the motor and adapter to be coupled to a jumping element, a timer that is coupled to the

motor and counts the time before activation of the motor, and an indicator that is coupled to the timer and provides an indication of the time count.

In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-26 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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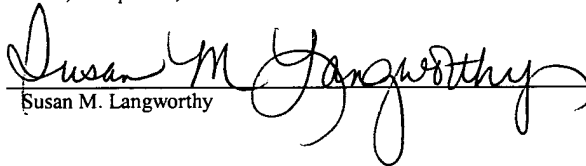
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